

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Commissioner Victor Iverson at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

Chairman Alan D. Gardner was excused from the meeting, as he was out of town on County business.

Alex Wilkie, Emeritus Minister of the American Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Renstrom mentioned that the Invocation is new to the Commission Meetings and anyone interested in participating should contact the Interfaith Council who will coordinate the invocations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for March 4, 2015, through March 17, 2015
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Fred Englestead, A/N 94303; Kevin and Shawna Robinson, S/N SG-SVLY-9-74; Joyce Chabot, S/N SG-BLH-12-147; Lynda Jeffs, S/N SG-SDHS-2-70
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: Shirley Grier, S/N L-SME-B-17; Frank W Leonesio TR/John Kirkland, S/N SG-5-2-21-1143; Bill and Leann Nebeker, S/N SC-SCH-M-9; Liz Cummings, S/N W-RANV-2; 200 West St. George LC, S/N SG-480; Robert C Stevens, S/N H-FAIR-46; Robert C Stevens, S/N H-FAIR-47; Virginia D McAllister, S/N SG-SPTH-5-68; Reagan D Petersen, S/N SG-COP-2-10; Brian L and Sherry McCann, S/N V-SBS-3-56

- Consideration of Transfer of 3 Used Surplus Cannondale Bikes, Serial Numbers: 06489, 13801, and 13804 to Hurricane City PD
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-1047-O on Saturday, March 7, 2015

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher reported sixteen (16) Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts from February 3, 2015 through March 16, 2015, bringing the total number for the year to twenty five (25). There were a total of 334 man hours provided by the SAR team in this timeframe. (*See attached report for details on the*)

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS: TREVOR COOMBS
ASSESSOR (1)**

Assessor's Office, purchase of 2016 Ford Fusion/trade-in of 3 vehicles ... (\$1,981)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Purchase Request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1892, A RESOLUTION
APPOINTING VICTOR IVERSON TO THE FIVE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD AND RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1893, A
RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR IVERSON TO THE SOUTHWEST
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD**

Commissioner Iverson stated that both boards meet on the same day and are in association with the Five County Government. One Commissioner serving on both boards saves on travel and time.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1892, a Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson to the Five County

Human Services Council Advisory Board and Resolution No. R-2015-1893, a Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson to the Southwest Behavioral Health Center Authority Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1894, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRIORITY LIST OF HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTABLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Each year the Washington County Council of Governments (COG) approves a priority list of future highway corridors that are eligible to be purchased using funds from a ten dollar (\$10) vehicle license and registration. The COG has requested that the County Commission to ratify this year's priority list.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1894, a Resolution Approving the Priority List of Highway Corridor Preservation Projects within Washington County Established by the Washington County Council of Governments (COG). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead mentioned that work continues at Shem Dam on Gunlock Highway and travelers should be mindful of equipment, runners, and bikers. This project should be completed by the end of May.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel reviewed items approved from the March 10, 2015, Planning Commission:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE.** Request for approval of an existing ham radio antenna on Parcel HCFE-10-HV; which is 869 West 3270 South near Hurricane. Zoned RA-1- (Residential Agricultural 1 acre minimum lot size). The applicant is Richard Rein.

2. **CONDITIONAL USE.** Request for approval of a gravel pit on Parcel 3137-LS; which is located at approximately 222 West Diamond G Lane, north of Toquerville. Zoned OST-20 (Open Space Transition 20 acre minimum lot size requirement). The applicant is Gilbert Development Corporation.
3. **CONDITIONAL USE.** Request for approval of a waste heat recovery facility adjacent to the Kern River Gas Compressor Station that is located on BLM land west of Veyo and north of Gunlock. The applicant is UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power System).
4. **CONDITIONAL USE.** Request for approval to upgrade approximately 7 miles of the existing 34.5 kV transmission line for the proposed waste heat recovery facility. The applicant is Rocky Mountain Power.

HCP BUSINESS

Habitat Conservation Plan Administrator Robert Sandberg updated the Commission on items the HCP has been working on as well as ways the HCP has been fulfilling commitments, and are as follows:

- Maintaining compliance by assisting St. George City and Washington City, with infrastructure within the reserve such as wells and power lines. St. George City had a water line break and Washington City's transformers needed replacing along with well repairs.
- Fencing continues to require maintenance due to floods and vandalism.
- Recently completed and filed the application to renew the County incidental take permit with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).
- Facilitate BLM's efforts in identifying acceptable acreage to exchange for private holdings within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, through issuing contracts with professional groups to obtain cultural and other resource information on parcels under consideration.
- Facilitate the completion of the purchase of private holdings in the Reserve with funding received from FWS through the Section 6 program.
- Began first of two (2) clearance windows of the year, and are conducting clearances of property for owners to do construction work.
- Fulfillment of HCP commitments by developing an education and outreach video currently showing as a pre-feature clip in the local movie theaters to educate the public about the Reserve and the desert tortoise.
- Presentations being made to schools and other groups regarding the HCP, Reserve, and desert tortoise.
- Working to complete a grant received through Utah State Parks for upgrading two (2) trails from LaVerkin into the County's Confluence Park; as well as, developing a trail head at the end of Main Street in Hurricane, which will include: parking, a restroom, and kiosk with interpretive signage to help the public enjoy the park.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN